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The CASE of Sir John Blunt, Bar^t. *His Wife and Family.*

THAT by near Forty Years diligent Labour and Application to Business, he hath acquired an Estate of about 180,000 *l.* Value, of all which by a Bill brought up to the Honourable House of Lords, he will (if it pass into a Law) be devested; and out of the same no more is to be allowed him than 5000 *l.* for the Subsistence of himself, his Wife and Family.

He humbly craves leave to say, That as to several of the Facts which have been charged as Crimes on the late *Court of Directors* of the *South-Sea Company*; and in particular, The Enlarging and Diminishing the *Money Subscriptions*, The Selling any *Stock* or *Subscriptions* mortgaged to the *Company*, The Excess of the *First Loan* of 500,000 *l.* upon *Stock* at 250 *l.* per Cent. he was no way privy to.

Nor did he ever know what was issued on the other *Loans*, having never seen any Book or Account thereof, 'till after the same was ordered to be laid before their Lordships, he not being of the Committee of Treasury, to whose Care the *Subscriptions* and *Loans* were committed.

Nor did he vote for, or approve of the *Dividends* of 30 and 50 per Cent. Nor act any thing in the Execution of the *South-Sea Scheme*, but in conjunction with the rest of the *Court of Directors*, And what at the time of doing, he apprehended to be for the Benefit of the *Company*.

And he humbly hopes he hath not been guilty of any Crime which can deserve so unpresidented a Punishment, as to be deprived of so large an Estate, without reserving necessary Support or a Bed to lye on, for himself and numerous Family, he having Seven Children living by his first Wife, and his present Wife (with whom he had a large Fortune) having Eleven Children and Grand-Children, and he settled on Marriage with her only the Amount of her own Estate, the Income whereof will by the said Bill (as it now stands) be taken away during his Life.

Wherefore it is humbly hoped, That their Lordships will compassionate the Case of him, and his Wife, and their Families, and grant him such an Allowance as may be in some Proportion to his Estate and Family, and to the Allowances made to other Directors, who stand equally charged with him in the said Bill; or that his Wife may be permitted to enjoy in present Possession, the Fortune she brought him in Marriage, which she will be intituled to at his Death.

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